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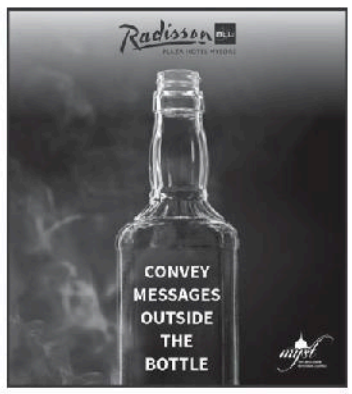

Works begin to give facelift to Devikere atop Chamundi Hill

Greens raise concern about water springs inside lake being damaged by earth-movers

Silt removal work underway at Devikere atop Chamundi Hill. Picture right shows an artistic impression of Devikere after development works.

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, Jan. 9- The heritage lake of Devikere atop the Chamundi Hill is in the process of getting a complete makeover and it is being developed at a cost of Rs. 7.5 crore. Earth-movers have begun removing metres of silt from the Lake as the accumulated mud has not been removed for more than 60 years.

The funds for the works have been released by the Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Management Committee out of the Temple funds and the Lake development works are being undertaken by the Minor Irrigation Department.

However, environmental activists have objected to the works as using earth-movers to remove silt will damage the water springs of the Lake and ultimately, the water body might go dry. They have termed the Devikere development works unscientific as water conservationists have not been consulted before taking up the works of a historical water body.

"Devikere was built by the Wadiyars to safeguard the environment and the Chamundi Hill so that rainwater can collect there and there are many natural springs in the water body. All of a sudden, earth-movers have started work without even conducting a detailed study of the water sources. There is a threat to both the Chamundi Hill and the Devikere," said an environment activist.

Allaying fears, Chamundi Hill Temple Executive Officer Govindaraju said that the Devikere will be comprehensively developed and the first process is to remove the silt.

"Huge silt has been deposited in the Devikere and it has not been removed for over 60 years. Also, the Lake is associated deeply with the sentiments of people and devotees as the annual *Theppotsava* is held here. As a first step, we have drained water from the Devikere with pumps to Uthanahalli Lake and have commenced the silt removal process," he said.

(See DEVIKERE on page 7)

State Social Welfare Department holds awareness workshop for beneficiaries

Mysuru, Jan. 9 (MK&TRR)- The State Social Welfare Department, in association with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Development Corporation Limited, had organised Mysuru Divisional-level Awareness Workshop for beneficiaries who have been selected under various schemes of the Government, at Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar auditorium (Senate Bhavan), Manasagangothri, in city this morning.

The Government benefits under various schemes were also distributed to the beneficiaries at the function.

The function was inaugurated by District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar in the presence of Social Welfare Minister Kota Srinivas Poojari. Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra presided over the event.

Mayor Shivakumar, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Development Corporation Chairman H. Nagesh, Krishnaraja (KR) MLA S.A. Ramdas, Social Welfare Minister Kota Srinivas Poojari, Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra, MLC C.N. Manjegowda and Nanjangud MLA B. Harshavardhan, distributing financial aid to one of the beneficiary organisations at the awareness workshop conducted by Social Welfare Department at Senate Bhavan in Manasagangothri this morning. Also seen are Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Chairman M. Shivakumar and Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman Mirle Srinivas Gowda.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Srinivas Poojari said that while others have prospered in the name of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (SC/ST) without doing anything to uplift them, our Government has given many benefits to SC/STs including 75 units of free power.

Later, the Minister distributed benefits to about 600 beneficiaries selected under various schemes of the State Government.

(See WORKSHOP on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 9th January 2023

Applications invited for sewing machine distribution

Mysuru, Jan. 9 (SSM) - D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation has invited applications for distribution of free sewing machines for women under Swavalambi Yojana (Self-reliant Scheme) for the year 2022-23.

Women belonging to Backward Classes Category- 1, 2A, 2B, 3A and 3B (barring Vishwakarma, Savita Samaja, Uppara, Madiwala, Ambiga, nomadic and semi-nomadic, Vokkaliga, Lingayat, Kadugolla, Hattigolla, Marata and other communities). The annual income of the family of candidates residing in urban area should not exceed Rs. 1,20,000 lakh while for those in rural area should not be more than Rs. 98,000.

The age of the applicants must be between 18 and 55 years and must submit the certificate of the tailoring classes they attended. Applications may be submitted by logging on to *https://sevasindhuservices.karnataka.gov.in/* before Feb. 20.

For details, visit *https://dbcdc.karnataka.gov.in/* or call Helpline Number: 080-22374832 or Corporation's Mysuru Office on Ph: 0821-2341194 or Mob: 80507-70004 or 70904-00100, according to a press release from the Corporation District Manager.

Calling building owners

Mysuru, Jan. 9 (SSM) - The Women and Child Development Department and Directorate of Child Protection have invited proposals from building owners for letting out their buildings on rental basis for running Boys Rehabilitation Home.

The building must be over 4,000 sq.ft. dimension and should accommodate 25 children and 11 personnel. The building will be rented as per Government rules and regulations.

Interested building owners, may visit the Superintendent Office of Boys Rehabilitation Home at No. 976/A, 1st Floor, 1st Main Road, Vivekanandanagar, Mysuru, or call Ph: 0821-2363753 or Mob: 98456-71707, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

When we see the world with our eyes, the world around us becomes seen and our eyes the seer. But without the aid of mind, eyes cannot see. So now the eyes along with the world around become seen and the mind becomes seer. But if there is no existence of consciousness or self, the mind is non-living. So the self is the main subject without which the existence of mind along with the eyes and world around us is non-living and worthless. So the consciousness is the ultimate seer and all other previously described matters are seen. The consciousness is the ultimate cause of all effects. During Durga Puja, murtis of the Goddess are made from clay and during immersion, the murtis become clay again. Similarly, originally we have come from consciousness. We are different in colour, shape and name. But when we merge with our origin, we become one.

Thoughts about worldly matters make us restless and thoughts about spirituality make us calm and quiet. By continuous thinking about the Self, our mind becomes silent and stops thinking. This is the point when we will realise the Self. It may take a long time, or it may happen within a fraction of a second. The light can come within us removing all ignorance. This is called Self-realisation. It does not matter how much time we pass in front of the murtis of God and Goddess. The main thing is whether we can think about the Divine or not, whether we have realised Him or not. Then and then alone Oneness will be achieved. — *Swami Achyutananda Puri in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

This could be the world's largest eraser

Tokyo: The Radar S-10000 measures 276 x 141 x 43 mm and weighs over 2.2 kilograms, making it as one of the largest, if not the largest, commercially available erasers.

Japanese eraser maker Seed was founded in 1915, making it one of the oldest companies in the business. Its most popular product line, Radar, was launched in 1968 and quickly became a favourite in the Japanese market.

The smooth texture and flawless erasing performance made the Radar a commercial success despite its premium price range of 20 – 50 yen, at a time when 10 yen erasers were the norm. The Radar line has been going strong ever since, with erasers of various shapes and sizes, including a gigantic 2,285-gram slab priced at an eye-watering 13,200 yen (100 dollars).

Changes gender for daughters' custody

Quito: An Ecuadorian man sparked controversy after legally changing his gender to 'female', because the legal system allegedly favours mothers in custody cases.

René Salinas Ramos, the father of two daughters, is facing legal proceedings for the custody of the girls who currently live with his biological mother. Convinced that the Ecuadorian legal system stigmatizes men while prioritising the rights of the mothers regardless of circumstances, the man decided to legally change gender in order to even the playing field. Ramos claims that this has nothing to do with his sexuality or gender identity and that it was only a "test of his love for his daughters." Last week, René Salinas Ramos went to the Civil Registry of Azuay to change the sex on his identity card, and it didn't take long for the change to become official.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Can prostate enlargement can cause urinary infection?
Yes, prostate enlargement can cause recurrent urinary infection due to urinary retention in bladder

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T. P. - Consultant – Urology and Andrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Overseas recruitment drive for doctors

Mysuru, Jan. 9 (SSM) - The International Migration Centre - Karnataka has invited doctors for recruitment at Kuwait Hospitals.

There are 468 posts vacant at Kuwait and the posts are open for Anaesthetists, General Surgeons, Internal medicine specialists, Obstetricians, Gynaecologists, Cardiologists, Orthopaedicians, Paediatricians, Intensive Care Unit specialists, Family Physicians, Radiologists and ENT specialists.

Doctors, with suitable graduation and experience of 7 years and three years practice after completing their MD, are eligible to apply. Applications may be submitted by logging on to *https://www.kaushalkar.com/doctor-registration-kuwait/* before Jan. 11. The interview will be held between Jan. 17 and 27.

For details, visit The International Migration Centre - Karnataka Office, 4th Floor, Kalyana Suraksha Bhavan, ITI Compound, Bannerghatta Main Road, near Dairy Circle, Bengaluru or call Ph: 080-29753007 or Mob: 91102-48485 or 83101-00754, according to a press release from the District Skill Development Officer.

Avail benefits under Government Schemes

Mysuru, Jan. 9 (SSM) - The Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Limited (KMVSTDCL) has invited applications from people belonging ST community to avail benefits under Direct loan scheme, Udyama Sheelata Abhivruddi Yojana (3.50 light goods vehicle) and Two-Wheeler Scheme for the year 2022-23.

Applications can be submitted online by logging on to *https://sevasindhuservices.karnataka.gov.in/* before Jan. 16. For details, visit Corporation Office at No. 40, Maharshi Valmiki Bhavan, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysuru, or call Ph: 0821-2430022, according to a press release from the Corporation District Manager.

REALLY...?

- ***Armadillo shells are bulletproof:*** *One Texas man was hospitalised when a bullet he shot at an armadillo ricocheted off the animal and hit him in the jaw. That's a totally true animal tidbit.*
- ***Some octopus species lay 56,000 eggs at a time:*** *On average, a giant Pacific octopus will lay 56,000 eggs at the end of a pregnancy, over the course of about a month, NPR reports. At first, these new babies float through the surrounding water unattached to one another or their mother. But then the mother gathers each egg—which is about the size of a grain of rice—and weaves them into braids, allowing her to keep an eye on everyone at the same time.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Wife running after a garbage truck: *Am I too late for the garbage?*
Hubby following her yelled: *Not yet. Jumpppp innnn fastttt !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.37
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.99
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.43
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.93

VOICE OF THE READER

Start Express Train from Mysuru to Goa

Sir,

There are nearly five lakh people hailing from Udupi, Mangaluru and Uttara Kannada living in and around Mysuru. They have to travel to their natives, either by bus or car, which is difficult mainly in the case of aged people.

On several occasions, we have requested the Central Government, Railway Minister and MPs of Mysuru, Mangaluru and Udupi to introduce Mysuru - Goa Train.

There are two Express Trains from Mysuru to Chennai — one is Shatabdi and another is Vande Bharat.

There are 13 different organisations in Mysuru having their roots in Dakshina Kannada including Mangaluru and Uttara Kannada.

Once again we request Union Railway Minister and the Central Government to start a new Express Train between Mysuru and Goa.

— Members of 13 different organisations

Mysuru 3.1.2023

Mysterious death of KREDL Officer

The Officer died of heart attack, says FSL report

Mysuru, Jan. 9 (RK&KS) - Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL) Officer D.K. Dinesh Kumar (50) had died of massive heart attack, according to the **Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL)** report, said Investigating Officer and K.R. Sub-Division ACP S.E. Gangadharaswamy.

D.K. Dinesh Kumar

The FSL and post-mortem reports arrived recently and it is learnt that Dinesh Kumar died of coronary heart blockage. With this, many doubts that had risen over the death of the Officer have come to an end, the ACP said.

It was suspected that the Officer may have died of poisoning or assault and Saraswathipuram Inspector C.M. Ravindra had registered a case of unnatural death on Nov. 29, 2022.

Dinesh's wife and younger son had informed the Police that all the three had their dinner on Sunday (Nov. 27) night and slept. When she and her son got up the next morning, they found Dinesh in an unconscious state and they too fell unconscious.

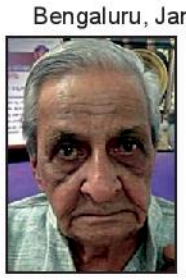
Even Dinesh's maternal uncle H.M. Narayana, a resident of Mandya, suspecting that Dinesh may been murdered, had lodged a complaint with Saraswathipuram Police stating that his sister's son Dinesh Kumar had not died a natural death.

K.R. Sub-Division ACP Gangadharaswamy, who took up the investigation, had even questioned Dinesh's wife and son and as he could not get satisfactory information from them, the Police had sought the help of Psychiatrists and officials from the District Child Welfare Committee (CWC), who held counselling with them but to no avail. The Police, who decided to probe the case through technical and scientific investigations, had sought the help of FSL.

Veteran journalist

K. Sathyanarayana passes away

Bengaluru, Jan. 9- Veteran journalist K. Sathyanarayana (82) passed away following age-related ailments at his residence in LIC Colony, Jayanagar here yesterday.



He leaves behind his wife Venkamma, daughter Apoorva and a host of relatives and friends.

He had begun his career in *Thaayinadu* in the 50s and then joined *Kannada Prabha* where he worked for over three decades. He had worked as editor of both *Kannada Prabha* and *Indian Express*. His journalistic career had spanned over six decades.

He was known for his articles and columns which threw light on contemporary political and economic issues of the State and the nation, and used to write columns for a few newspapers even at an advanced age.

Elder Citizens Council holds AGM, establishes Seva Prathishtana for social cause

Mysuru, Jan. 9 (KS) - The Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram, conducted its Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) for the year 2021-22 at Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavan in city recently.

Office-bearers for the new Governing Body for the next two years were unanimously elected — Dr. H.M. Nagaraj (President), K.V. Ramanath (Vice-President), Krishna (Secretary), Prof. Javaregowda (Treasurer) and Prof. Nanjegowda (Joint Secretary); Committee Members: Krishnappa Gowda, Suseela Marigowda, V.N. Achar, S.V. Venkateshaiah, P.B. Ramanna, K.V. Krishnamurthy Naidu, C.S. Nagesh, G.M. Made Gowda, P.N. Sridhara, B.V. Narasimham, M.B. Srinivas, D.Srinivas, S.V. Gowdappa (Chairman of ECC Trust), Dr. N.K. Ramachandra Gowda (Trust Secretary).

After the AGM, members of the Elder Citizens Council and Elder Citizens Viswastha Mandali Trust celebrated the Founders Day which was inaugurated by MLC A.H. Viswanath.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLC lauded the various social activities taken up by the Council and requested all senior citizens to come forward to make their best efforts to further the social cause. On his part, the MLC assured to sanction Rs. 5 lakh to the Council out of his MLC Fund to develop the institution.

Former University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Rangappa wanted the elder citizens to prevent younger generations from leaving the country in search of higher education or for jobs and advise them to find better avenues in our country itself as our country has rich intellectuals and more scope.

Inaugurating the Seva Prathishtana of the Mandali, senior journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar commended the efforts of the Mandali for establishing a Prathishtana to consolidate funds from the donors and philonthrapists and pass on the financial assistance to the poor and needy for their education and social well-being.

Gowdappa, Chairman of the Viswastha Mandali, read out the aims and responsibilities of the Prathishtana and appealed the philanthropists to liberally contribute to the social cause.

On the occasion, five eminent senior personalities Dr. C.M. Muniramappa, Dr. A.V. Narasimhamurthy, Dr. H.M. Nagaraj, Dr. C.V. Gopinath and Manjula Ramaiah were felicitated for their achievements. Sathish, Principal of the Government School for the Blind at Tilaknagar was also feted and a sum of Rs.1,001 was handed over to him by Gowdappa.

Dr. AVN thanked on behalf of all the honoured and donated a sum of Rs.60,000 towards the Prathishtana. Manjula Ramaiah also donated a sum of Rs.5,000.

Krishnappa Gowda, President of the Council, welcomed. K.V. Ramanath, Council Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks. Krishna and Krishnamurthy Naidu introduced the guests. Over 300 members were present.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Free Health Camp

NJS Charitable Trust, Mysuru and Veerashaiva Sajjana Sangha, Mysuru, in association with JSS Multi-Speciality Hospital, JSS Ayurveda Hospital, JSS Dental Hospital, Annapoorna Eye Hospital and Yoga Prana Vidya Kendra, Mysuru, have organised a free health camp on Jan. 10 from 9.30 am to 2 pm at Kanti Mallanna's Kalyana Mandira, near Mandi Police Station, Mysuru. Free heart, skin and eye check-up will be done. Free reading glasses will be provided to those in need. For details, contact Mob: 99161-55453 or 94487-38657.

Book Release

The South Indian Numismatic Society, Madras, has organised a programme at Amba Vilas Palace (Mysore Palace) premises in Mysuru tomorrow (Jan. 10) at 10.30 am for the release of the book 'Studies in South Indian Coins - Vol. XXX 2021.' Mysore Royal family member Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar will release the book. Society President Rajalakshmi Krishnamurthy, Dr. Raja Reddy and book editors Dr. A.V. Narasimhamurthy and Dr. T. Satyamurthy will be present. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2510085.

Avail benefits

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Development Corporation has invited applications from eligible candidates to avail benefits under Direct Loan Scheme and Udyama Sheelata Abhivruddi Yojana (Two-wheeler and three-wheeler goods vehicles) for the year 2022-23. Applications must be submitted before Jan. 16, according to the Corporation District Manager.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	118.54	feet
Yesterday	:	118.60	feet
Inflow	:	666	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,189	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,271.90	feet
Inflow	:	356	cusecs
Outflow	:	Nil	

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,828.50	feet
Inflow	:	118	cusecs
Outflow	:	70	cusecs

Vande Bharat occupancy rate yet to gather steam

Revenue of Mysuru-Chennai, Chennai-Mysuru routes stand at Rs. 10.21 crore between Nov. 12-Dec. 29, 2022

Mysuru, Jan. 9 (BCT)- The regular service of the flagship Vande Bharat Express between Chennai and Mysuru via Bengaluru began on Nov. 12, 2022 after Prime minister Narendra Modi flagged off the train from Bengaluru on Nov. 11, 2022.

From Nov. 12 to Dec. 29, Chennai-Mysuru Vande Bharat train (20607) earned a revenue Rs. 5.30 crore while Mysuru-Chennai Vande Bharat train (20608) earned a revenue of Rs. 4.91 crore. The percentage of occupancy rate between Chennai Central Station and Mysuru in Nov. is just 10 percent. As per the data obtained by the Railways, there are a total of 18,048 seats available on the route of which only 1,886 were occupied in the month of November last year.

There has been a marginal increase in the occupancy rate in December last year with the occupancy rate touching 17 percent on the route. Of the total 30,456 seats on the route, 5,084 seats were occupied in the last month of the year.

Mysuru-Chennai route

On the Mysuru-Chennai route, in November last year, of the 18,048 seats available on the route, 2,309 seats were occupied totalling an occupancy rate of 13 percent. Here too, there is a marginal increase in December where out of 30,456 seats, 6,173 seats were occupied totalling an occupancy rate of 20 percent.

This train is India's first semi high speed train equipped with world-class passenger amenities. Speed, safety and service are the hallmarks of this train manufactured at the Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai.

Mysuru-Bengaluru sector

Compared to Mysuru-Chennai sector, the occupancy rate of the Express train on the Mysuru-Bengaluru sector is encouraging. Data shows that in November last year, of the 18,048 seats available on the route, 9,592 seats were occupied from Bengaluru to Mysuru, indicating an occupancy rate of 53 percent.

In December last year, the occupancy rate on the Bengaluru to Mysuru route stood at 63 percent with 19,069 seats occupied out of the total 30,456 available seats.

On the Mysuru-Bengaluru route in November last year, of the total 18,048 seats available, 6,099 seats were occupied clocking an occupancy rate of 34 percent. During December last year, on the Mysuru-Bengaluru route, of the 30,456 available seats, 12,982 were occupied totalling an occupancy rate of 43 percent.

Chennai-Bengaluru route

On the Chennai-Bengaluru route, in November last year, of the 18,048 seats available, 13,199 seats were occupied clocking an occupancy rate of 73 percent. In December, the occupancy rate on the same route stood at 86 percent with 26,140 seats occupied of the total available 30,456 seats.

On the Bengaluru-Chennai route, in November, of the 18,048 seats available, 13,044 seats were occupied clocking an occupancy rate of 72 percent. In December last year, of the total available 30,456 seats, 25,550 seats were occupied, achieving an occupancy rate of 84 percent.

Class-wise occupancy

The Vande Bharat Express offers two spacious compartments to its passengers — AC Chair Car and Executive Chair Car. While all seats are recliners, passengers travelling in the Executive Chair Car will experience the added feature of 180-degree rotating seats.

On the Chennai-Mysuru route, in November last year, 74 percent of Chair Car were occupied in November last year and 88 percent of the Executive Chair Car were occupied. In December, 83 percent of the Chair Car and 91 percent of the Executive Chair Car were occupied.

On the Mysuru-Chennai route, in November, 63 percent of Chair Car were occupied while 80 percent of the Executive Chair Car were occupied. In December, 70 percent of the Chair Car and 84 percent of the Executive Chair Car were occupied.

Rush soon after inauguration

However, soon after the train was inaugurated by the PM, the occupancy rate was very high for the first 10 days. In fact, it attracted more passengers than the Shatabdi Express that too connects Mysuru and Chennai,

As per the data, the Executive Chair Car coaches Nov. 12 to Nov. 22 between Mysuru and Chennai was 125 percent. It was 97 percent in the AC Chair Car. In the same period, the occupancy on Shatabdi Express was 75 percent and 98 percent respectively. The occupancy rate is the percentage of reservations. More than 100 percent means tickets have entered the waiting list.

On the Chennai-Mysuru route during the same dates, Vande Bharat recorded 147 percent occupancy of Executive Chair Car and 115 percent AC Chair Car occupancy. In Shatabdi, the occupancy was 64 percent and 85 percent respectively in the Shatabdi Express.

Bullock cart race competition claims farmer's life at Chikkamandya

Nagaraju

Mandya, Jan. 9- A Raitha Sangha activist was killed on the spot while a boy sustained serious injuries when a bullock cart ran over them during the bullock cart race competition at Chikkamandya village in the taluk last evening.

The deceased has been identified as Nagaraju (55), a Raitha Sangha activist and Field Executive of Organic Mandya. He was a resident of Kilara village. The critically injured boy is ten-year-old Hrithik of Hulivana village, who is battling for life at MIMS Hospital.

It is learnt that Madhu of Kilara village, Narasimha, Rajappa and Anand of Chikkamandya had organised the bullock cart race competition for which the local Panchayat and the Revenue Officer had not given permission and had also submitted a report pertaining to the competition to the Deputy Commissioner. But still, the bullock cart race competition began on Saturday and the final race was held yesterday evening. The organisers had fixed Rs. 4,000 as fee for a pair of bulls for the race and over 48 pairs of bulls from across the State had arrived to take part in the race.

Holding the organisers responsible for holding the competition illegally, that too without taking permission, resulting in Nagaraju being killed and Hrithik sustaining serious injuries, the public said that no barricades were installed to prevent people from going close to the track and no measures were taken for the safety of people by the organisers.

The public urged Superintendent of Police (SP) Yathish to get the organisers arrested immediately, initiate legal action against them and get the compensation paid to the deceased Nagaraju's family from the organisers.

Meanwhile, soon after the incident, the organisers, along with six bikes, which they had brought as prizes to be distributed to the winners have fled from the spot.

Obituary

L. Ravi Iyer

Mysuru, Jan. 9- L. Ravi Iyer (59), Head of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism at Mahajana College, passed away yesterday following a heart attack. He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill today.

Union Minister inaugurates Anthropological Survey of India's Open Air Museum in city

Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Culture, Arjun Ram Meghwal, who inaugurated the Open Air Museum at Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI), Southern Regional Centre (SRC), in city on Saturday, being felicitated by Dr. Mithun Sikdar, Head of Office, AnSI, Mysuru.

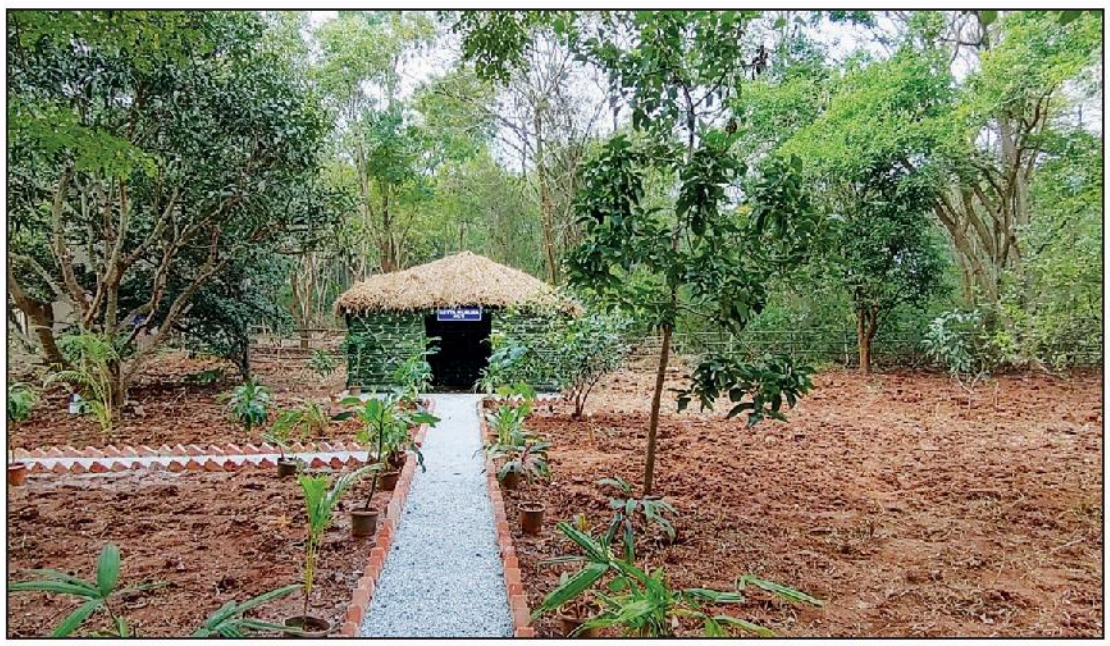
Mysuru, Jan. 9- The Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Culture, Arjun Ram Meghwal, visited the campus of Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI), Southern Regional Centre (SRC), Mysuru, on Saturday.

He reviewed the works of AnSI and interacted with the employees at the Centre.

Anthropological Survey of India, Ministry of Culture, is carrying out a study throughout the nation on "Ethnographic study of De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities" proposed by NITI Aayog. Its Southern Regional Centre, situated at Bogadi, Mysuru, has recently completed the study of 30 communities under the same project. The outcome will help the Government to develop different policies for the marginalised section of the society. Further, the Minister inaugurated the 'Open Air Museum' which has been developed by this Centre under 2.0 Campaign.

Dr. Mithun Sikdar, Head of Office, AnSI, Southern Regional Centre, informed that the initiative of developing Open Air Museum comprising tribal huts within its unused office premises, has attracted the attention of Prime Minister Modi, who congratulated the initiative of AnSI by tweeting: "Laudable effort, which will spread awareness on India's glorious tribal culture and traditions."

The Open Air Museum of AnSI has been thrown open for public from today (Jan. 9) and there is no entry fee for visitors.



Betta Kuruba Tribal Hut at Anthropological Survey of India, SRC, Mysuru.

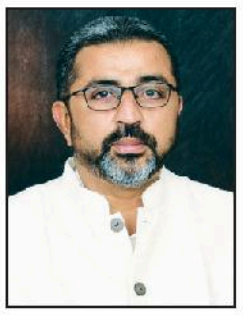
Winners of Dr. Adengada A. Kuttappa Memorial Throwball Tournament

The throwball team of Sree Igguthappa Kodava Kshemabhivrudhi Sangha, Hebbal, which won Dr. Adengada A. Kuttappa Memorial Throwball Tournament organised by Kodava Samaja Cultural and Sports Club, Mysuru, at Sree Cauvery School Grounds in Kuvempunagar recently, is seen posing with the trophy. Others seen are chief guest Ponjanda Lovely Appaiah, President, Sri Kaveri Kodagu Mahila Sangha, Mysuru; guests of honour Mechanda M. Shashi Ponnappa, President, Kodava Samaja, Mysuru; Kekada M. Belliappa, Chairman, Sree Cauvery Educational Institutions, Mysuru; Adengada Geetha Kuttappa and Kuttimada D. Muthappa, President, Kodava Samaja Cultural and Sports Club, Mysuru.

Elected to Lions District 317G

Dr. N. Krishnegowda

N. Subramanya



K.L. Rajashekara

Mysuru, Jan. 9- The 47th Annual District Convention of Lions District 317A was held recently at Shubhodini Convention Centre in city.

The elections for both Districts 317A and newly Bifurcated District 317G comprising Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar Revenue Districts were held during the Convention and those elected for the New District 317G are as follows:

Lion Dr. N. Krishnegowda, Charter President of Lions Club of Mysore Vivekanandanagar, was elected as the District Governor for the year 2023-24. He secured 138 votes against total 244 polled.

Lion N. Subramanya, Charter Member of Lions Club of Mysore Garden City, was elected as the First Vice-District Governor for 2023-24 by securing 172 votes while Lion K.L. Rajashekara, Charter Member of Lions Club of Mandya, as the Second Vice-District Governor (154 votes).

The newly formed Lions District 317G will come into effect from July 1, 2023.

Wildlife meat selling racket busted

Three poachers arrested; they used to supply meat to resorts and home stays

Mysuru, Jan. 9 (MTY&KS)- The Forest Department officials have busted a racket involving hunting of wild animals and supplying the meat to resorts and home stays by arresting three poachers.

The Forest staff, who were on their regular beat on Mysuru-Virajpet National Highway at Anechowkur Wildlife Range in Nagarahole Tiger Reserve on Saturday midnight, took Appaiah of Attur, Arun of Guhya in Siddapur and Manju of Gadde Mane (Attur) and interrogated them during which the wildlife meat selling racket came to light.

On Saturday at about 1 am, the Forest staff saw a white coloured Maruti Omni van parked on Mysuru-Virajpet Highway and went near the van during which a person inside the van was shocked to see the Forest staff and tried to flee.

The staff, who caught hold of him, questioned him during which the person told him that he along with two others had come to hunt wild animals and told them the other two had gone inside the forest.

The Forest staff, who immediately swung into action, conducted an operation and caught hold the two persons hiding inside the forest and seized a gun and torches they had.

They then brought all the three along with the van to the Forest Office and subjected them to interrogation during which the three revealed that they had come to hunt wild animals. They are said to have confessed of poaching a Gaur during Christmas but could not transport it and also told the Forest staff that they were supplying the meat of wild animals to a few resorts and home stays nearby.

All the three accused were produced before a Court, which remanded them to judicial custody.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Harshakumar Chikkanaragunda and Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) Dayanand guided Range Forest Officer (RFO) P.C. Dilip Kumar, Deputy RFOs D. Vinod Kumar and M.H. Nandan Kumar, Forest Guards Shivappa and Siddappaji, STPF staff and Anechowkur Wildlife Zone staff, who took part in the nabbing operation.

Based on the information provided by the accused, the Forest Department authorities are keeping an eye on resorts and home stays, it is learnt.

Mysuru: A Look at its Past...

By Gouri Satya, Sr. Journalist

A Dewan too built an Agrahara

Not only the Maharajas and the benevolent ones, but even a Dewan also built an Agrahara in Mysore during the days of the Wadiyars. We have streets and roads built by the Dewans or named after them. But no Dewan has built an Agrahara except this Dewan, which is also named after him. However, the Agrahara built by him had only a few houses, unlike most of the other Agraharas in Mysore.

After Mysore became the residential city of the Wadiyars in 1799, the city began to witness expansion suiting the increase. The work of providing houses for those who migrated to the royal city, attracted by the support and encouragement given by the King, had commenced during the reign of Krishnaraja Wadiyar III alone. New Agraharas came up during his reign, as he and his queens took it up as an act of charity. Gradually, Mysore had begun to see the happier days, people settling down under the patronage of a benign Maharaja.

The growth of Mysore became evident during the reign of Chamaraja Wadiyar X, who succeeded after the demise of Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar III, most known as Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar in 1868.

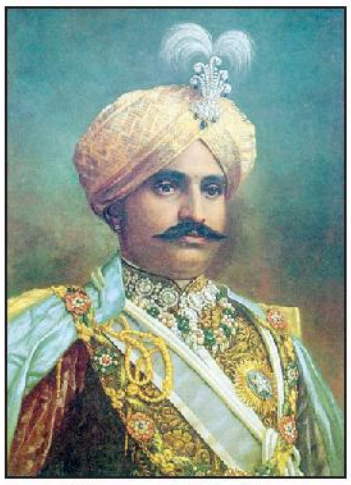
A traditional city of small size began to take a turn towards modernity. In this task, two competent Dewans, Rangacharlu (1881-1883) and Seshadri Iyer (1883-1901) ably assisted the Maharaja, playing a significant role in bringing about reforms in administration and initiating schemes and projects that laid the foundation for a progressive State.

The construction of the Railway line linking Bangalore with Mysore was one such major achievement. It had been taken up as 1877-78 famine-relief work. It was commissioned in 1882 when Rangacharlu was the Dewan. It provided connectivity up to Madras, the present Chennai. Chennai-Bangalore Railway line was already existing by then. The new Railway line gave a boost to the economic growth of the State.

Rangacharlu, who had brought about many reforms in administration and improved the finances of the State, had proposed to extend the Railway line up to Tiptur. However, he was not destined to live long enough to carry out his ideas. He was taken ill and died at Madras (Chennai) in December 1882. Dewan Rangacharlu was succeeded by Seshadri Iyer. The Railway link to Tiptur became a reality during Dewan Seshadri Iyer's period.

Dewan Seshadri Iyer (1.6.1845 to 13.9.1901)
Dewan of Mysore Kingdom from 12.2.1883-18.3.1901

The Dewan seated** (at the right end with turban) **along with Maharaja Chamaraja Wadiyar and British VIPs.



Chamaraja Wadiyar

Seshadri Iyer served the State for 18 long years and was the second longest serving Dewan next to Dewan Purniah. He was Dewan to Chamaraja Wadiyar till the Maharaja's premature death in 1894 and continued during the Regency of Vani Vilasa Sannidhana Kempananjammanni as Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar was still a minor. Seshadri Iyer retired in 1901, before the termination of the Regency and installation of Nalwadi in 1902, and passed away soon after. During his period, the Kingdom saw progress in different directions including transport, irrigation, mining and electric power.

Kumarapuram Seshadri Iyer was born on June 1, 1845, in a Tamil-speaking family at Kumarapuram, near Palghat, in the present Kerala State then in Madras State. His parents were Ananthanarayanan Iyer and Venkatalakshamma. After his early education in Kozhikode (Calicut), he graduated from the Presidency College in Chennai. He had begun his official life in 1866 as a Translator in the Collector's Office in his native town of Calicut in the Madras Presidency.

There being need in Mysore for the services of capable English-knowing men, Seshadri Iyer, at the suggestion of Rangacharlu, was appointed Judicial Sheristadar in the Superintendent's office at Mysore, which he joined on 30th October 1868. With this, he entered the services in the Mysore kingdom. After he took the E.L. Degree of the Madras University in 1874, he was appointed Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate of one of the districts in 1879, and from August 1881 he was placed on special duty in the Dewan's office under Rangacharlu.

Seshadri Iyer entered upon his new duties as Dewan with great earnestness and wisdom and proved himself a man of undoubted talents. He set right the disorganised finances of the State and plugged the deficit. The finances needed to be set right first for improving the efficiency of the administration. Realising that agriculture was mainly dependent on tanks which were in a bad shape, a new Public Works Division was formed. The improvement in irrigation and restoration of tanks and river channels was entrusted to it.

In 1900, he initiated the first hydroelectric project in Asia at Sivasamudra to harness the waters of the Cauvery falls. But unfortunately, he could not be a witness to its commissioning in 1902. The ill health compelled him to retire and his end came soon after in 1901.

The completion of the power scheme and transmission of power to the Kolar Gold Fields (KGF) for the first time, drawing the longest transmission line in the world at that time, was hailed as "Thus one of the greatest and most recent developments of modern science was successfully carried out in Mysore and to the Maharani-Regent and her advisers belonged the credit of carrying out this bold enterprise."

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Seshadri Iyer statue in Bangalore.

Seshadri Iyer Memorial Hall in Bangalore.

New MGP Heritage Panel with citizen involvement

Onus on citizens to bring pressure on Government to save Mysuru's over 600 heritage structures

Mysuru, Jan. 9 (BCT)- A new Heritage Committee will be formed with the active involvement of citizens to save the crumbling heritage structures of Mysuru.

The Committee will be formed by **Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP)** and will have heritage experts, students from engineering and architectural colleges, global conservationists and architects. This was decided at a meeting on heritage buildings conducted by MGP at its Office in Yadavagiri here yesterday.

The initiative will involve the citizens of Mysuru and the student community. The meeting was attended by Prof. N.S Rangaraju, retired Professor from the Department of Ancient History and Archaeology, University of Mysore, who is also a Member of the Heritage Conservation Committee, Government of Karnataka and Convener of INTACH, Mysuru Chapter and former Dean of Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Dr. Syed Shakeeb-Ur-Rahman and other stakeholders.

Heritage experts Prof. N.S Rangaraju** (extreme right) **and Dr. Syed Shakeeb-Ur-Rahman interacting with members during the monthly meeting of MGP in city yesterday.

Lack of interest

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, the Founding President of MGP Bhamy V. Shenoy said that there is an absolute lack of maintenance of heritage structures in Mysuru and neither the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) nor the State Government nor the Department of Archaeology, Heritage and Museums are showing any interest in conserving the heritage structures.

For example, the Devaraja Market imbroglio has not been resolved yet. No efforts have been made to conserve the heritage structure and it is dying a slow death. The Lansdowne Building is already in shambles and here too, no efforts for restoration have been made. As none of the authorities is interested in conservation, the onus must shift on citizens to bring pressure on them, he added.

Pressure group

"We have already contacted global heritage conservationists like an expert from IIT Madras, who is the consultant for the conservation of the **Angkor Wat Temple Complex** in Cambodia requesting him to be a part of the Committee. Also, we will involve the students of engineering and architectural colleges of Mysuru and will create a pressure group to influence the Government to act on the falling heritage buildings," Bhamy Shenoy explained.

"Though many heritage structures have fallen in Mysuru there is no sign of their restoration despite many public movements. **The Department of Archaeology, Heritage and Museums has initiated a survey of 131 buildings by the District Heritage Committee but there is an additional 165 heritage structures and no one is talking about them," he regretted.**

When asked how the **MGP Heritage Committee** will be different from the already existing **District Heritage Committee,** Bhamy Shenoy said that the District Heritage Committee has been constituted by the State Government and has a limited scope.

"This Committee can only recommend but has no say in other aspects. Its scope is limited and it cannot go against the Government. The MGP Heritage Committee, on the other hand, will be an activist group that will drive home the urgency of conservation and exert pressure on the authorities to act. We want to involve the public so that interest can be created on conservation so that it becomes a people's movement," he added.

"During the meeting, Prof. Rangaraju revealed that as per the latest assessment, there were nearly 600 heritage buildings in Mysuru but only 131 have been notified as heritage buildings. We were told that in the absence of strict regulations, the structures are under threat," Bhamy Shenoy added.

NOTE: *As there are living monuments and dead monuments, it is necessary to make a "distinction" between the heritage structures as usable for the purpose for which it is built and non-usable meant for tourist attraction. In Mysuru we have buildings like Devaraja Market and Lansdowne building that are usable and those like the ornamental Government House main Northern Gate, Nazarbad, that is non-usable. Now the question is: Should we conserve and restore the highly dilapidated Devaraja Market and Lansdowne building, which are to be opened for the use of millions of people on daily basis or not? If they are to be opened for the public as Market after such heritage restoration work, then the common sense will say restoration work will not work. The only way is to demolish and construct anew as per the old (heritage) architectural design. As for the Gate, it might be restored and thus conserved, as no footfalls are involved being an ornamental structure. Those who have seen Angkor Wat know that it is a dead monument, conservation work happening on regular basis and open to tourists only. Do not waste time, money and risk life. — **Ed***

Awareness workshop for beneficiaries

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Krishnaraja (KR) MLA S.A. Ramdas, MLC C.N. Manjegowda, Nanjangud MLA B. Harshavardhan, Mayor Shivakumar, Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman M. Shivanna, Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Chairman M. Shivakumar, Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman Mirle Srinivas Gowda, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Development Corporation Chairman H. Nagesh, Managing Director K.M. Suresh and others were present at the function.

'Guilty will be punished'

Speaking on the sidelines about Santro Ravi, Minister Kota Srinivas Poojari said that the Government will not protect anyone and anybody who has committed the crime, will pay for it. Police will investigate the case and there will be no interference by anybody.

Asked about Santro Ravi's photo with Chief Minister's son, the Minister replied that the law is same for everyone. The guilty will be punished, added Kota Srinivas Poojari.

Works begin to give facelift to Devikere atop Chamundi Hill

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Apart from silt accumulation, the water had turned muddy and some of the sewage was entering the water body through inlets. "We will stop the entry of the sewage and this is crucial as the water is drawn from the Devikere for puja purposes at the Temple. It will be an end-to-end rejuvenation and we have already prepared a blueprint where a concrete bund with entry and exit points will be constructed to strengthen the boundaries," Govindaraju explained.

Also, facilities will be made to drain excess water naturally in case it rains heavily and if the Lake becomes full. Now the bund bursts and as a result, the border stones have become unstable and cannot withstand pressure. Facilities will be made for the devotees to draw the holy water from the Lake and cleanliness will be ensured, he added.

The development works will be completed before the next rainy season, Govindaraju added. In addition to the works at Devikere, a solid waste management plant will be built at a cost of Rs. 76 lakh. The Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has sanctioned Rs. 6 crore to provide drinking water and this work is also under progress.

"The Public Works Department (PWD) has completed the works of a food zone and 156 shops at a cost of Rs. 3.80 crore and here too, Temple funds have been sanctioned while the works have been completed by the PWD," he said.

A Dewan too built an Agrahara

'Sir Seshadri Iyer Road,' popularly called the Dewan's Road, is a major historic road in Mysore city passing through many major roads and stretches from Kantharaj Urs Road to Bannimantap Road, near the Bamboo Bazar area.

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During Seshadri Iyer's administration, a number of works to put Bangalore on modern lines were initiated. In order to decongest the thickly crowded areas which frequently saw the outbreak of the dreaded plague in Bangalore, the visionary Administrator and Statesman developed Basavanagudi and Malleswaram to rehabilitate those who had lost their houses. This brought in new industries and businesses boosting the prosperity of Bangalore. As a result of the various initiatives undertaken by him, Seshadri Iyer became popular as the "Maker of Modern Bangalore."

Besides the construction of the Marikanave dam in the arid district of Chitradurga and the reconstruction of the fire-destroyed Palace, a number of other useful measures were initiated during the tenure of Seshadri Iyer. In all these, he had a major role to play as Dewan.

Dewan Sir K. Seshadri Iyer

Dewan Sir K. Seshadri Iyer, a man who was responsible for making Mysore a modern kingdom with many achievements to his credit, has left permanent landmarks in his memory. He "possessed a powerful intellect and a strenuous will. During his long period of office, he rendered various useful services to the country of his adoption and achieved distinction as a Statesman of Indian repute."

Later, a statue was raised and a building known as the Seshadri Iyer Memorial Hall in Cubbon Park at Bangalore to commemorate his services was constructed. Today, it houses the Bangalore Central Library, his statue standing in front of it.

Sir Seshadri Iyer built an Agrahara in Mysore and Prof. Venkatachala Sastry, veteran scholar, writes in his booklet on Ambale Annaiah Pandit, "emulating Ambale Annaiah Pandit, Seshadri Iyer built an Agrahara of nine houses and donated them to Brahmins with 'Vritti'."

The Dewan's Agrahara today has come to be popularly called 'Dewan's Road', while its original name was 'Sir Seshadri Iyer Road'. It stretches from Kantharaj Urs Road to Bannimantap Road, near the Bamboo Bazar area. On this road stands the historic 'Kumara Bhavana' where he resided when he was serving the State. The Offices of the Commercial Taxes are accommodated in this heritage building now■

Sir Seshadri Iyer's historic bungalow 'Kumara Bhavana' on Dewan's Road now houses the Commercial Taxes Offices.

Budding Wushu champ bags bronze at Khelo India League

Mysuru, Jan. 9 (SSM)- Aleena Azad, a 2nd standard student of Police Public School, Mysuru, has bagged bronze medal under South Zone Sub-Junior Division at the Khelo India Wushu Women's League which was held at Kozhikode, Kerala, in November last year.

The budding WUSHU champ won the bronze medal defeating a 6th standard student from Tamil Nadu. She has also won silver medal at the 21st State Wushu Championship which was held at Shivamogga in August last year.

Aleena Azad

Daughter of Teacher Tabassum Khan and Auditor Azad Khan of Mysuru, Aleena is presently trained under M.K. Asif.

Youngest Wushu Champion

Mysuru, Jan. 9- India's World Records (IWR Foundation), Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, has declared Mysuru's G. Pranathi as the youngest to win maximum number of Wushu Championship including District, State and National-level.

She won hat-trick gold medal in State Championships and two bronze in National Championships. She is a District Rajyotsava Awardee given by the District Administration and Kannada & Culture Department, Mysuru.

A 2nd standard student of Police Public School in Mysuru,

G. Pranathi

Pranathi is the daughter of Photographer S.D. Giridhar and L. Sangeetha, residents of Gayathripuram.

Kannada Vikasa Ratna Award

City's Wushu Champion Pranathi Giridhar was conferred with 'Kannada Vikasa Ratna' Award-2022 by District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Karnataka Rajya Vokkaligara Vikasa Vedike during Kannada Habba held at Sahitya Parishat premises in Vijayanagar 1st Stage recently. Vedike President Yamuna, MLC C.N. Manjegowda and others were present.

Medal-winners in Taekwondo

The following Taekwondo practitioners at Leo Taekwondo Centre, Mysuru, have excelled in the 3rd Open International Taekwondo Championship at Bengaluru recently: A. Ganesh - Silver medal in Sparring and Bronze medal in Poomsae; Manoj Singh - Bronze medal in Sparring and Bronze medal in Poomsae. The medal-winners are seen with their coach R. Ravindran.

Engineering faculty should play role of mentor, facilitator

AICTE Member-Secretary Dr. Rajeev Kumar at VVCE International Conference

Dignitaries at the 10th International Conference on Transformations In Engineering Education (ICTIEE)-2023 held at Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru. Seen are (sitting from left) VVCE Principal Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS) Hon. Secretary Er. P. Vishwanath, VVS Hon. President Gundappa Gowda, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Member-Secretary Dr. Rajeev Kumar, ABET Executive Director and CEO Dr. Michael Willigan, Karnataka State Higher Education Council Executive Director Dr. Gopal Krishna Joshi, Indo-Universal Collaboration for Engineering Education (IUCEE) Executive Director Dr. Krishna Vedula, VVS Hon. Vice-President B. Shivalingappa and VVS Hon. Treasurer Srishaila Ramannanavar. Standing behind are the IUCEE Stakeholders and VVCE Committee Heads.

Mysuru, Jan. 9 (BCT)- The 10th International Conference on Transformations In Engineering Education (ICTIEE) - Transforming Engineering Education for Sustainable Development - 2023 concluded at Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru campus in city yesterday.

The five-day Conference began on Jan. 4 and was jointly organised by VVCE and the Indo-Universal Collaboration for Engineering Education (IUCEE).

The chief guest for the valedictory was Dr. Rajeev Kumar, Member-Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi. In his address, Dr. Rajeev said that he learnt what is best for technical education at this Conference and invited IUCEE to help AICTE in formulating regulatory policies by providing recommendations.

He said that the AICTE has changed itself from a regulator to a facilitator to empower around 10,000 institutes to provide quality education. He emphasised that faculty, institutes and students to play a vital role in transforming engineering education.

He called upon the faculty to adapt to the changing environment and play the role of mentor along with the facilitator.

"Such conferences help the faculty accustom themselves to a fast-changing environment in teaching. The AICTE has taken an initiative with the National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training & Research to train the teachers in which the faculty will complete carefully crafted eight modules with one month of internship and one year of teaching under the mentorship of senior teachers. Over 40,000 teachers have completed the course and there are still a large number of teachers who are yet to complete it," Dr. Rajeev added.

Expressing the possibility of collaborating with IUCEE to upskill teachers, he expressed his concerns over the lack of interest of students in core engineering which the AICTE is trying to mitigate by introducing the concept of minors in engineering.

This has already shown positive results in the form of improved admissions in core engineering this year, he revealed and stressed the role of institutions in implementing NEP-2020 in an effective manner.

IUCEE Executive Director Dr. Krishna Vedula presented a report on the ICTIEE-2023 and expressed his happiness over the large number of good-quality research papers related to engineering education presented at the Conference.

ABET Executive Director and CEO Dr. Michael Willigan appreciated the Conference theme and said that environmental issues are the issues of a lifetime and it is everyone's responsibility to care for our planet.

Karnataka State Higher Education Council Executive Director Dr. Gopal Krishna Joshi said, he believes that education has the power to transform and contribute to on socioeconomic development and harmony with nature. He encouraged the faculty to work in hostile environments devoid of policy, patronage and innovation in the education ecosystem wherein all are resonating with each other.

Gundappa Gowda, Hon. President, Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS), in his presidential address, urged the people to heed the words of experts on environmental protection.

Dr. Shobha Shankar, Dean - Academics, VVCE and Organising Chair of ICTIEE-2023, proposed the vote of thanks.

Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal, VVCE welcomed the gathering, Hon. Vice-President, VVS B. Shivalingappa, Hon. Secretary Er. P. Vishwanath, Hon. Treasurer Srishaila Ramannanavar and others were present during the occasion.

Next Kannada Sahitya Sammelana in Mandya

Haveri, Jan. 9 (Agencies)- The 87th edition of Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana will be held in Mandya.

A decision in this regard was taken during a closed-door meeting of the Executive Committee of the Kannada Sahitya Parishat that was held at Circuit House in Haveri yesterday. Parishat President Mahesh Joshi announced the next venue for the annual Kannada Literary Meet. The decision was taken after voting of Committee Members, the majority of whom are Presidents of district units of the Parishat.

In fact, the Committee met on Saturday night itself but failed to arrive at a consensus on where the next meet should be held, since several district units of the Parishat claimed their right to organise the Sammelana.

The competition finally resulted in the Committee Members being asked to vote for the next venue In the voting, Mandya bagged 17 of the 46 votes cast.

Addressing press persons, Mahesh Joshi said that Parishat had received applications from the districts of Bengaluru Rural, Mandya, Chikkamagaluru, Uttar Kannada, Ramanagara, Ballari, Belagavi, Kolar and Chikkaballapur for hosting the Sammelana.

Subsequently, the applications of Bengaluru Rural, Belagavi, Ramanagara, Kolar and Chikkaballapur were withdrawn.

With this, only Mandya, Chikkamagaluru, Uttar Kannada and Ballari remained in the fray. Out of the 54 members of the Committee, 46 had taken part in the meeting, he said.

Three districts — Bengaluru Rural, Chamarajanagar and Yadgir — have not organised the event even once.

As per tradition, the decision to select the next venue should have been taken on the night of the second day of the event. However, Joshi expressed his intention to tour all the hosting districts to check the feasibility and then decide on the venue.

"An event of this scale cannot be organised in a grand manner without the co-operation of the District Administration and Government. In spite of Haveri being the home State of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, there were several shortcomings," he said.

"Road repair works were incomplete, lodging facility was not up to the mark and as such, to avoid a repeat of similar problems in the next meet, I want to tour all the aspiring districts and based on the facilities, I want to take a call on the next venue," he claimed.

The Committee Members, however, were unrelenting and urged the President to follow the tradition and announce the venue.

'Centre gave Rs. 13 crore for cause of Classical Kannada'

Funds released to renovate building to house Classical Language Research Centre in Mysuru: CM Bommai

Bommai

Haveri, Jan. 9 (Agencies)- Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has stated that the Union Government had so far released Rs. 13 crore after Kannada was accorded the status of a Classical Language in 2008.

He was speaking at the valedictory ceremony of the 86th Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana at Haveri yesterday. "Funds had been released for renovation of the building to house the Classical Language Research Centre in Mysuru and there is a need for a comprehensive research into the Classical Language," Bommai said.

The Chief Minister was responding to the charges made by the President of the Sammelana, Doddarange Gowda, who had sought to know what the 'double engine Government' had done for Kannada, particularly for studies in Classical Language.

The CM also announced that a High-level Committee, comprising littérateurs, would be formed to advise and guide the Government on the issue of conducting comprehensive research into Kannada as a Classical Language and related issues.

He added that whatever might be the expense, the Government is ready to bear it.

The CM announced that he wanted the Committee to guide the Government in getting justice to the cause of Kannada.

WORD OF THE DAY

Lodestar

Pronunciation: LOHD-stahr.
Meaning: Lodestar is a formal word that refers to something or someone that serves as an inspiration, model, or guide.
Origin: If you're looking for inspiration, lodestar may represent the mother lode. The literal, albeit archaic, meaning of lodestar is "a star that leads or guides"; it is a term that has been used especially in reference to the North Star, a star in the Ursa Minor, or Little Dipper, constellation. The lode in both lodestar and mother lode comes from the Middle English word for "course" (lode is still used in some parts of England to mean "waterway"). Both the starry sense of lodestar and the more earthly "something or someone that leads or guides a person or group of people" meaning date back to the 14th century, the time of the poet Geoffrey Chaucer, who used both in his work. The literal sense had mostly fallen out of use by the early 17th century, but the figurative use shines on.
Example: "There's no getting around John Wilson's 'Maquette for Eternal Presence,' a stoic bronze bust ...in the middle of the first gallery on the third floor of the Art of the Americas wing at the Museum of Fine Arts. This is very much the point. The museum opened its reinstalled 20th-century American art collections in late May, and everything revolves around it, a lodestar for renewed vows of breadth and inclusion." —Murray Whyte

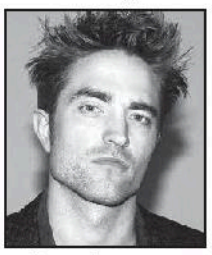
THE ODD WORD

Laconicum

Sauna.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Lantern-jawed



Meaning: To be lantern-jawed is to have a prominent and angular jaw.
Origin: There's not much to say about this expression than what it means and where it came from. The first example of its use in print is from the late 17th century glossary or words used by the English criminal classes A New Dictionary of the Terms Ancient and Modern of the Canting Crew, 1699: Lantern jaw'd, a very lean, thin faced Fellow.

QUOTE BOX

Everybody's idea of a great book is different, of course. For me it's one that makes my jaw drop on every page, the writing is so original. **—Carl Hiaasen**

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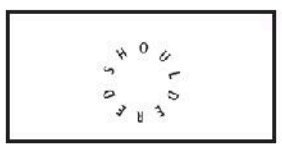

Answer: Round Shouldered.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Coup d'- ___ : change of Govt.
5 Married woman sometimes
8 Specification in short
12 Acknowledge applause or recognition (4,1,3)
13 A people of Japan
14 Working (2,2)
15 Dismounted
17 Klusener of South Africa
19 Jane Austen novel
20 Worn on heads
22 A fish
26 Authorization (3-2)
29 Sporty car __ Romeo
30 An expression of disgust or belittlement
31 A red dye - "noise" anagram ?
33 Marijuana (sl).
34 UP town
36 People from Warsaw?
38 Violin's ancestor
40 Handle roughly
41 Continental exchange
43 Balm or lotion
47 Conceal as with a covering
51 An unmarried girl
52 Bollywood star ___ Dhupia
53 One of the greatest off-spinners India has ever produced
54 ___ in one's own juice : suffer the consequences of one's own misdoings?
55 Come to a conclusion
56 Indicate, portend or sound to be

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	S	P	S	■	C	U	F	F	■	L	C	D
L	A	S	H	■	A	P	I	A	■	A	N	Y
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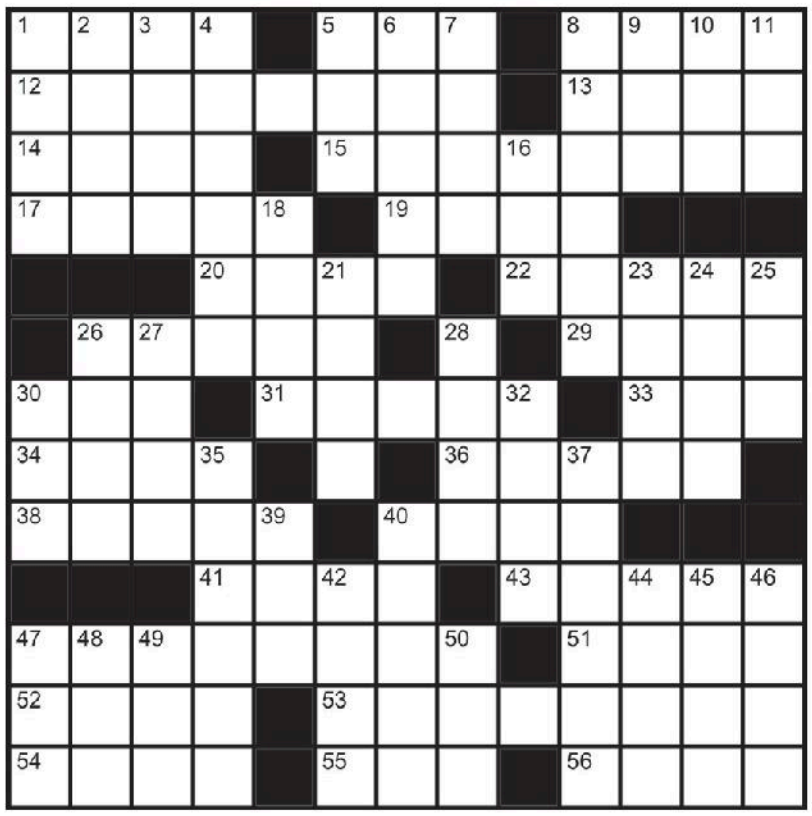
DOWN

1 And others, in Latin (2,2)
2 Ratan or JRD
3 Related
4 Irritable (US)
5 Bus. degree
6 Poses or parts?
7 Propel yourself in water
8 Great desert
9 A sizeable hole in the ground
10 Vane directions ?
11 Food regurgitated by a ruminant
16 Winter London time zone
18 Being comfortable
21 Carried away
23 Greek jug - "pole" broken?
24 Flying saucers
25 Total Air Temperature
26 Make replete
27 A biblical king
28 Palm - "pain" anagram ?
30 A word meaning 'by means of'
32 Informal common sense
35 Braying sound of donkey
37 Ruminant mammals of South America
39 Mongrel
40 Grieve for or over
42 Strong cord
44 Narrow road
45 Climbing-plant
46 Dutch cheese
47 Abstract being?
48 Income or earnings?
49 That female!
50 Father



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			4		7			
	1						4	

Answer to previous puzzle

3	9	2	6	1	4	8	5	7
6	4	5	7	9	8	3	2	1
1	8	7	5	2	3	4	9	6
4	7	1	9	5	2	6	3	8
2	6	9	3	8	1	5	7	4
5	3	8	4	6	7	2	1	9
9	5	3	1	4	6	7	8	2
8	1	4	2	7	5	9	6	3
7	2	6	8	3	9	1	4	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

PVD KIDQZDYP BQA UCPL PVD TCUJDZYD UY

PVZLTWV Q MLZDYP BUISDZCDYY.

TODAY'S CLUE: P EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Love thy neighbour as yourself, but choose your neighbourhood.

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Spooky College (K)	(S-1)	10.25 am
	(S-2)	7.15 pm
Vedha (K)	(S-1)	1.00 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
Kantara (K)	(S-1)	4.00 pm
Shri Balaji Photo Studio (K)	(S-2)	10.50 am
Miss Nandini (K)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
V3 (Ta)	(S-2)	4.35 pm
Malikappuram (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Mr. Bachelor (K)	(S-3)	10.50 am, 7 pm, 9.50 pm
Thug of Ramaghada (K)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Cocktail (K)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Avatar: The Way of Water (E-3D)	(S-4)	10.50 am, 2.30 pm 6.10 pm, 9.45 pm

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Vedha (K)	:	10.45 am, 1.20 pm 4.40 pm, 7.45 pm
Mareyade Kshamisu (K)	:	11.00 am
Avatar: The Way of Water (K-3D)	:	1.00 pm, 4.40 pm 8.15 pm
Shri Balaji Photo Studio (K)	:	1.00 pm
Miss Nandini (K)	:	4.00 pm
Spooky College (K)	:	4.20 pm, 9:00 pm
Vaishampayana Theera (K)	:	6.30 pm
Cocktail (K)	:	7.00 pm

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Vedha (K)	:	12.15 pm, 3.15 pm 6.30 pm, 9.50 pm
Malikappuram (Ma)	:	12.45 pm
Spooky College (K)	:	12.50 pm, 3.35 pm 6.15 pm, 9.30 pm
Theru (Ma)	:	3.30 pm
Once Upon A Time In Jamaligudda (K)	:	3.45 pm
Cocktail (K)	:	6.25 pm
Kantara (K)	:	6.35 pm
Drishyam 2 (H)	:	9.45 pm

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Avatar: The Way of Water (E-3D)	:	10.15 am, 2.10 pm, 6.05 pm, 10 pm
Vedha (K)	:	11.30 am, 2.50 pm, 6.10, 9.30 pm
Spooky College (K)	:	12.15 pm, 7.20 pm
Mr. Bachelor (K)	:	1.10 pm, 4.15 pm, 10.15 pm
Shri Balaji Photo Studio (K)	:	3.10 pm
Thugs of Ramaghada (K)	:	6.20 pm
Theru (Ma)	:	9.00 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 9)

- **Sahara Art and Crafts Shopping Festival-2022:** Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sanchalana Mysuru, Mysuru:** State-level Children's Theatre and Folk Arts Festival, inauguration of Children's Folk Arts Festival, Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Mysuru District Amateur Theatre Artistes Forum Secretary Dr. Kumaraswamy, Hanchipura Gram Panchayat (Saragur taluk) President M. Geetha and SDMC Government Higher Primary School (Gurur) President Chinnaswamy will be present; Mari Kunita, Puja Kunita, Tamasha, Veeragase, Kamsale and Folk Songs by Shaktidhama Vidyashale, Mysuru and Government Higher Primary School, Guru Government High School, Dadadahalli, Saragur taluk, **4.30 pm;** Inauguration of State-level Children's Theatre Festival, MLA G.T. Devegowda, Mayor Shivakumar, BBMP Special Commissioner and CM Secretary Jayaram Rayapura, Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, senior theatre director Dr. Sripad Bhat and Rotary International District 3181 Rtn. Prakash Karanth will be present, Sanchalana Mysuru President Deepak Mysore delivers keynote address; Staging of play 'Punyakoti' by Government High School, Dadadahalli village, Saragur taluk (directed by Deepak Mysore); Staging of play 'Bommanahalliya Kindarijogi' by Shaktidhama Vidyashale, Mysuru, (written by Kuvempu, music by B.V. Karanth, directed by Deepak Mysore, music direction by Anush Shetty and Munna), Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.** [Entry free]
- **Sree Andal Mandiram Trust and Hebbar Sreevyshnava Rural District Upa Sabha, Mysuru:** Dhanurmasa Puja, Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Mandiram premises, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Mahajana Sabha:** Tirupavai Kalakshepa (discourse) by Vid. Mudumbai Ramanuja Sharma, Sri Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira, Kantaraja Urs Road, **6.15 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam:** Tirupavai Kalakshepa (discourse) by Dr. N.K. Ramasheshan, Dr. Kamalaraman Mandira, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Road, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. B.K. Seethalakshmi, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, near Sai Baba Mandira, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 10)

- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** Dhanurmasa special pujas, Shattu Murai, Mahamangalarathi, **5 am to 6.30 am;** Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. B.K. Seethalakshmi, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, near Sai Baba Mandira, **6.30 pm.**
- **Department of Physical Education, University of Mysore and IQAC and Department of Physical Education, Sarada Vilas College, Krishnamurthypuram:** Mysore University Inter-Collegiate Chamundi Zone Kabaddi (M) Tournament 2022-23, Dr. P. Krishnaiah, Director (in-Charge), Department of Physical Education, UoM, chief guest, G. Geetha, Syndicate Member, Davanagere University, inaugurates, Dr. B.M. Subraya, President, Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions, Mysuru and N. Chandrashekar, Hon. Secretary, Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions, Mysuru, guests of honour, Dr. M. Devika, Principal, Sarada Vilas College, Mysuru, presides, College campus, Krishnamurthypuram, **9.30 am.**
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Bhediya (H-3D)	(S-4)	11.40 am
Vedha (K)	(S-2)	10 am, 4.00 pm, 7.10 pm
	(S-3)	12.50 pm
Malikappuram (Ma)	(S-2)	10.20 pm
Mr. Bachelor (K)	(S-3)	9.55 am, 6.50 pm
Spooky College (K)	(S-3)	4.00 pm, 9.50 pm
Mareyade Kshamisu Nenapadare (K)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
Vindhya Victim Verdict V3 (Ta)	(S-4)	10.30 pm

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Avatar: The Way of Water (E-3D)	(S-3)	9.10 pm
Mr. Bachelor (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 4.35 pm, 10.20 pm
Spooky College (K)	(S-3)	10.00 am
	(S-4)	1.55 pm, 7.10 pm
Vedha (K)	(S-1)	1.25 pm; (S-4) 10.00 pm
Cocktail (K)	(S-1)	7.35 pm
Thugs of Ramaghada (K)	(S-3)	12.50 pm
Miss Nandini (K)	(S-3)	3.25 pm
Bhediya (H-3D)	(S-3)	6.00 pm
Vaishampayana Theera (K)	(S-4)	11.30 am
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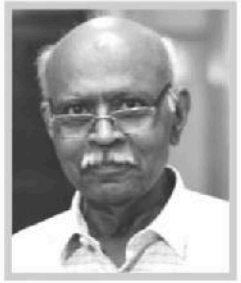

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